



December 3, 2018

The Honorable Cory Gardner
The United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Good Samaritan Legislation

Dear Senator Gardner:

On behalf of the Utah Mining Association (UMA), I would like to express our support for the introduction of your "Good Samaritan Remediation of Orphaned Hardrock Mines Act of 2018."

UMA is a 103 year old, non-profit, non-partisan trade association representing the interests of the mining industry in Utah. UMA members are actively involved in exploration and mining operations on public and private lands throughout the state. Our diverse membership includes every facet of the mining industry, including geology, exploration, mining, engineering, power generation, equipment manufacturing, legal and technical services, and sales of equipment and supplies.

Our members support common sense legislation to enhance the clean-up of historic, pre-regulation abandoned mines. We believe your pilot project approach provides an opportunity to achieve bipartisan support for Good Samaritan legislation to be approved by both the Senate and the House and signed into law.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Compton", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Compton
President